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 For: **Controlled Release Formulations Using Intelligent Polymers**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box PCT  
 Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and first action by the examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

4. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, [any of claims 1 to 3] wherein the first intelligent polymer component is ethylcellulose and the second intelligent polymer component is a mixture of hydroxyethyl cellulose and hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose.

5. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, [any of claims 1 to 4] further comprising at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.